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SUBJ: NARCOTICS: UN ASSISTANCE TO TURKEY

1. A TWO-MAN UNITED NATIONS MISSION (HANS EMBLAD AND PAUL KATZ) VISITED TURKEY MARCH 16-24 FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH GOT OFFICIALS REGARDING UN ASSISTANCE FOR THE GOT'S POPPY CONTROL PROGRAM. THE TEAM ALSO MADE A FIELD TRIP TO AFYON PROVINCE, WHERE APPROXIMATELY 50 PERCENT OF THE POPPY CULTIVATION IS CARRIED ON.

2. WHILE WE UNDERSTAND THAT EMBLAD AND KATZ PLAN TO REPORT IN GREATER DETAIL ON THEIR MISSION AFTER THEY RETURN TO GENEVA, THE FOLLOWING WERE THE MAJOR POINTS WHICH EMERGED IN OUR CONTACTS WITH THEM HERE:

A. NO FORMAL AGREEMENT HAS YET BEEN SIGNED BETWEEN THE UN AND GOT COVERING UN ASSISTANCE TO TURKEY FOR THE POPPY CONTROL PROGRAM. DESPITE THIS (AND TO THE EMBASSY'S CONCERN) THE UN IS PROCEEDING WITH PLANS TO PROVIDE \$250,000 - \$300,000 WORTH OF EQUIPMENT FOR A TELE-COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM TO BE SET UP AS A PILOT PROJECT CENTERED

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IN AFYON PROVINCE. THE SYSTEM WOULD PROVIDE A COMMUNICATIONS

LINK BETWEEN JANDARMA AND SOIL PRODUCTS OFFICE (TMO) UNITS IN AREAS COVERING 60-70 PERCENT OF THE POPPY CULTIVATION.

B. WHILE THE TMO HAS THE PRINCIPAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR IMPLEMENTING THE CONTROL PROGRAM FOR CULTIVATION AND HARVESTING, JANDARMA REPRESENTATIVES STRESSED THEY WERE FULLY AWARE OF THEIR OWN ENFORCEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES, AND INDICATED THEIR READINESS TO COOPERATE WITH OTHER GOT AGENCIES IN THE POPPY CONTROL EFFORT.

C. IN AFYON PROVINCE, THE TMO REGIONAL OFFICE REPORTED IT HAD COMPLETED CHECKS AND MEASUREMENT OF THE POPPY PLOTS IN VIRTUALLY EVERY VILLAGE IN THE REGION.

D. EMBLAD EXPECTS TO MAKE FUTURE VISITS TO TURKEY PERIODICALLY AS THE UN ASSISTANCE PROGRAM PROGRESSES.

E. THE EMBLAD/KATZ MISSION WILL SUGGEST THAT THE UN RESREP IN ANKARA TAKE A MORE ACTIVE ROLE, IN WHICH HE IS APPARENTLY WILLING TO DO, IN DISCUSSIONS WITH GOT OFFICIALS REGARDING THE UN ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

3. COMMENT: BASED ON INFORMAL CONTACTS WITH THE MISSION MEMBERS, OUR IMPRESSION IS THAT THEY (A) WORKED WELL TOGETHER AS A TEAM, (B) ADOPTED A FIRM APPROACH WITH THE TURKS REGARDING WHAT ASSISTANCE THE UN COULD REALISTICALLY PROVIDE AND, MOREOVER, (C) WERE OPEN AND INFORMATIVE IN THEIR DISCUSSIONS WITH US. FUTURE VISITS OF THIS TYPE, TOGETHER WITH A MORE ACTIVE ROLE BY THE LOCAL UN RESREP, COULD HELP STRENGTHEN THE UN'S EFFORTS IN URGING THE TURKS TO IMPLEMENT THE MOST EFFECTIVE CONTROL SYSTEM POSSIBLE.  
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